

(B) The proviso referring to such section 311(e) under the heading "**EDUCATION REFORM**" in the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-229).

(e) **ACCOUNTABILITY.**—In deciding whether to extend a request for a State educational agency's authority to issue waivers under this section, the Secretary shall review the progress of the State education agency, local educational agency, or school affected by such waiver or authority to determine if such agency or school has made progress toward achieving the desired results described in the application submitted pursuant to subsection (a)(4)(A)(ii).

(f) **PUBLICATION.**—A notice of the Secretary's decision to authorize State educational agencies to issue waivers under this section, including a description of the rationale the Secretary used to approve applications under subsection (a)(3)(B), shall be published in the Federal Register and the Secretary shall provide for the dissemination of such notice to State educational agencies, interested parties, including educators, parents, students, advocacy and civil rights organizations, other interested parties, and the public.

SEC. 5. PROGRESS REPORTS.

The Secretary, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and biennially thereafter, shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

(1) the Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for which waiver authority is granted to State educational agencies under this Act;

(2) the State statutory and regulatory requirements that are waived by State educational agencies under this Act;

(3) the effect of the waivers upon implementation of State and local educational reforms; and

(4) the performance of students affected by the waivers.

WELLSTONE (AND KENNEDY) AMENDMENT NO. 32

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 31 proposed by Mr. JEFFORDS to the bill, S. 280, *supra*; as follows:

On page 8, line 4, after "determines" insert "that the State educational agency is carrying out satisfactorily all of the State educational agency's statutory obligations under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to secure comprehensive school reform and".

On page 12, line 22, after "hearing," insert "that such agency is not carrying out satisfactorily all of the agency's statutory obligations under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to secure comprehensive school reform or".

On page 15, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(F) standards, assessments, components of schoolwide or targeted assistance programs, accountability, or corrective action, under title I of the elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as the requirement relates to local educational agencies and schools;

WELLSTONE AMENDMENT NO. 33

Mr. WELLSTONE proposed an amendment to amendment No. 31 proposed by Mr. JEFFORDS to the bill, *supra*; as follows:

On page 15, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(F) serving eligible school attendance areas in rank order under section 1113(a)(3) of

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

KENNEDY (AND OTHER) AMENDMENT NO. 34

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, and Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 31 proposed by Mr. JEFFORDS to the bill, S. 280, *supra*; as follows:

On page 7, line 21, strike "and" after the semicolon.

On page 7, line 24, strike the period and insert "; and".

On page 7, line 24, insert the following:

(v) a description of how the State educational agency will evaluate, (consistent with the requirements of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), the performance of students in the schools and local educational agencies affected by the waivers.

On page 9, line 22, strike "which may include progress toward" increased school and student performance.

On page 11, line 17, insert "in accordance with the evaluation requirement described in paragraph (3)(A)(v)," before "and shall".

On page 12, line 14, before the period insert "and has improved student performance".

On page 16, line 9, insert "and goals" after "desired results".

On page 16, lines 10 and 11, strike "subsection (a)(4)(A)(ii)" and insert "clauses (ii) and (iii) of subsection (a)(4)(A), respectively".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 10 a.m. for a business meeting to consider legislation to reform the congressional budget process.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold hearings entitled "Deceptive Mailings and Sweepstakes Promotions." These hearings are the first of an anticipated series of hearings the subcommittee plans to hold regarding deceptive mailings. The focus of these first hearings will be an examination of the use of sweepstakes by mass marketers and how these mailings impact consumers.

The hearings will take place on Monday, March 8th and Tuesday, March 9th, at 9:30 a.m. each day, in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Timothy J. Shea of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 3,

1999, at 2 p.m., in open session, to receive testimony on 21st century seapower vision overview and maritime implications of 21st century threats.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 10 a.m. on pending committee business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday March 3 for purposes of conducting a joint oversight hearing with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is receive testimony on the American Indian Trust management practices in the Department of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on the Independent Counsel Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Older American Act: Oversight and Overview" during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to mark up the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates letter to the Budget Committee regarding the FY 2000 Budget Request for Indian programs. (The Joint Hearing with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on American Indian